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Petition to Correct a Patent Under 37CFR1.322(B) Regarding Patent Number 7,495,571

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I'm addressing this petition to the Department of Corrections, USPTO, regarding my request to have the spelling of my last name corrected in the "electronic" view Full Text.

The electronic Full Text currently list my name as "Charren"; however, this is not the correct spelling of my name. The correct spelling of my name is Charren (with only one "r").

The USPTO has had my correct information on file for five plus years. During that time my last name was never misspelled. It was not until the patent was issued that the misspelling of my name appeared.

I recieved the hard copy of the correction; however, the electronic record has not yet been corrected. In today's business world, individuals and corporations rely heavily on the internet. Due to the electronic mispelling of my last name, my patent information will not be able to be accessed via internet searches because of the mispelling, which will assuredly hinder my ability to market my invention. I understand that the USPTO follows a certain statuatory regulation that says that only making the correction on a "hard copy" is sufficient; however, this statuatory regulation appears to have been written prior to the age of the internet, which is currently a critical communication and marketing vehicle.

Independent inventors have numerous hurdles to overcome in their long journeys to receive a patent, far too many to list in this petition request. I would hope that the USPTO would seriously consider my request and correct the spelling of my last name in the electronic Full Text as a means to help encourage me as a new patent holder rather than leaving an unnecessary hurdle for me to overcome - especially since this error was not initiated by myself, the inventor, or my attorney.

Carolyn, the USPTO representative with whom I spoke, mentioned to me that she "saw that I was represented by an attorney". I incurred a large amount of attorney fees over the years in order to obtain my patent and am now trying my hardest to not incur any further - especially to simply correct an error that I (nor my attorney) caused.

Given the state of the present economy, I would very much appreciate it if this petition for correction would be considered by the USPTO and granted.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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